

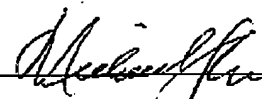
In particular, the foregoing claims have been amended to recited controlling a DC/DC converter to vary an electrical supply of the amplifier of the communications device. The use of such a DC/DC converter enables high efficiency to be achieved.

Toda is not believed to teach or suggest such a feature.

Accordingly, claims 12, 16 and 20 are believed to patentably define over Toda.

Dependent claims 13-15, 17-19 and 21-23 are also believed to add novel and patentable subject matter to their respective independent claims. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 12-23 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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